



# **Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter**

March 2022

## **2022 AQG Officers & Committee Chairs**

President: Elaine R.  
1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs: Brenda B.  
& Lynda L.  
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& Maridale G.  
3<sup>rd</sup> VP Communications:  
4<sup>th</sup> VP Community Service:  
Janice S.  
5<sup>th</sup> VP Ways & Means:  
Diana P. & Bill P.  
Secretary: Tana B.  
Treasurer: Alice G.  
Newsletter: Lorraine M.

## **What to Bring to the Meeting**

- ✓ Membership form and dues
- ✓ Block of the Month \$5
- ✓ Community Service Items
- ✓ Show and Tell items
- ✓ A guest
- ✓ Yourself - ready for a great year

## **Community Service Request**

Children's items: socks,  
t-shirts, underwear, pajamas  
etc.

## **From the President**

Hello Everyone!

Well, February has come and gone and March is already on a roll as this crazy weather continues. Covid is slowly getting under control OR we're learning to live with it. I'm not for sure which one is true for you. But, as we all know, life continues!

I'm so thankful we have a guild of caring committed members. Because of you, our Guild has continued to thrive through it all. It's been two years and we've actually added new members. We want to continue to do that throughout 2022. Our programs and presenters are great this year. Thank you, Lynda L. and Brenda B. for your hard work. Check out our website to see all our presenters and programs for the year!

This month we will be meeting at Allen Senior Activity Center for our Quilt of Valor Community Sew-in. We will meet from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Craft Room. Janice S. has been busy cutting out blocks for you to sew. You can bring your own project to work on or sew some of the blocks. The blocks will be sewn together for quilts that will be presented to area veterans at our September meeting. You'll need your sewing machine and basic supplies. We'll have an ironing and cutting station setup. You can sew all afternoon or just come for an hour. It's "come & go" so you get to decide. The address is below in the QOV announcement.

Let's also remember to pick up our Raffle Quilt tickets. Each packet holds 24 tickets for a total of \$20. Each guild member is expected to sell those 20 tickets. You can purchase them yourself or sell to friends and family. Of course, we would love for you to sell more as this helps pay for our presenters each year. The quilt this year is called "American Beauty". You can view it on our website and it'll be on display at our April meeting. It really is beautiful. Thank you Nancy W. for donating it!

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From the President continued

In April I will be sharing “Jelly Rolls with a TWIST!” I discovered a crazy, easy way to make your ordinary jelly roll even more exciting and it’s so easy. I’ll be demonstrating the technique and showing several blocks using this technique. You’ll be amazed at how complicated the pattern looks compared to how easy it is to make. A workshop will be created to make one if enough people are interested.

Again, I’m so thankful for your loyalty to our guild. I really hope to see you at our Sew-In. It’s so fun to sew with other friends. Please wear a mask if you are uncomfortable without one. We all want to feel safe. See you soon!

Elaine R. President



## Allen Quilters' Guild Treasurer's Report February 2022

Beginning Balance			\$ 8,083.79
Income:			
Membership Dues (14 members)	\$	350.00	
Block of the Month	\$	50.00	
February Retreat Payment	\$	<u>220.00</u>	
	\$	620.00	
			\$ 8,703.79
Expenses:			
Notebooks for Board Members	\$	118.08	
February Speaker – Pam Wingate	\$	200.00	
Sigh Up Genius 2022	\$	107.89	
Rent for February Meeting	\$	<u>50.00</u>	
	\$	475.97	
Ending Balance			\$ 8,227.82

Submitted by Alice G. 3-9-2022

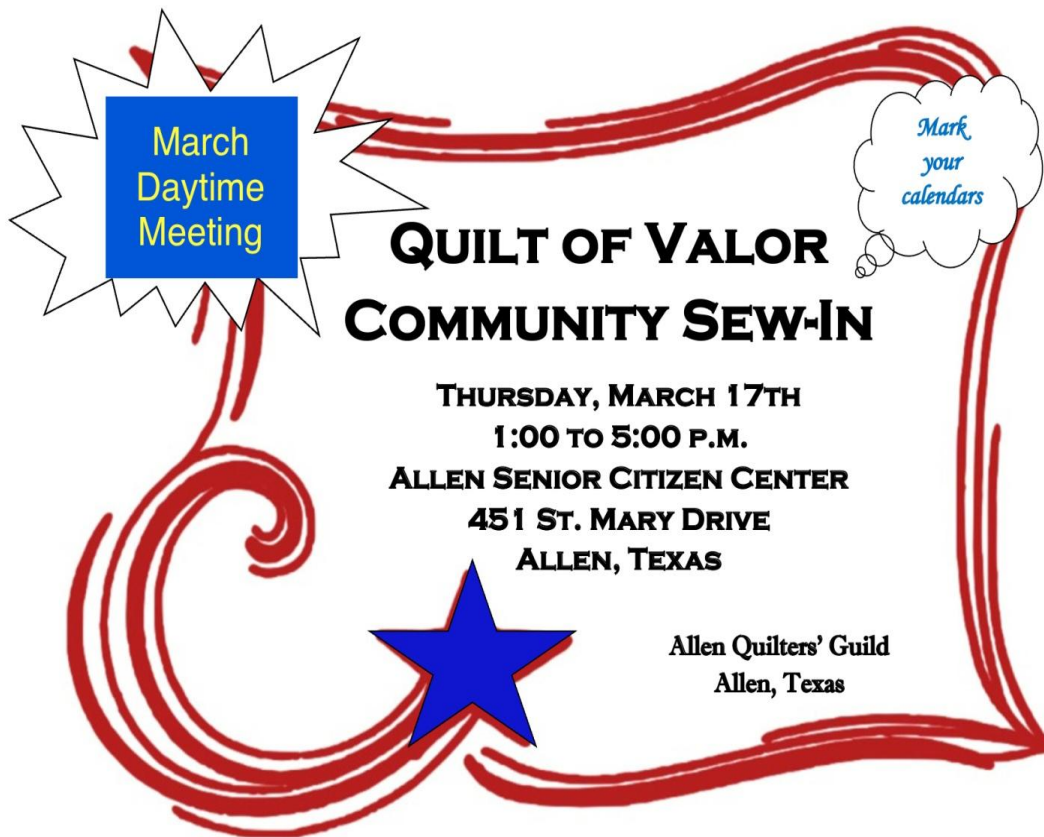
## Block of the Month...Quilted Kitchen Blocks

We have the March block of the month ready! Blocks of the Month are \$5 each. Every time you buy a block of the month your name will be put in the drawing for the great kitchen basket prize to be given away in December.

Stop by the table at the next meeting and check it out. See you then.

Diana P. Ways and Means Co-VP





It is come and go so pick your time!

You may bring your personal projects that you are working on for Quilts of Valor. We will also be providing some pattern ideas and Janice S. will have some block's available for your use. Bring your sewing machines, your personal sewing supplies, snacks, water, etc. The guild will provide an ironing station and cutting station. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR PERSONAL IRON**, as there will not be enough plugs or room for them.

Let's all come together and make the Quilt of Valor project a success.

Brenda B. and Lynda L. Co-VPs Programs

## Community Service



Each month the Allen Quilt Guild donates items to various charities. For March we will be collecting children's items such as socks, t-shirts, underwear, pajamas, etc. If you cannot bring children's item, I will have a jar for a cash donation so we can purchase some items to donate.

We have several additional quilt, bib, placemat, and pillowcase kits to be completed. Please pick these up or drop off completed items at the meeting. Also, you can text or call me for a drop off place if you cannot make the meeting.

Thank you so much!

Janice S. VP Community Service

## Open Board Position

- **VP of Communications** –

- Create events in Facebook as needed to promote our activities.
- Use Word Press to edit and update our website. Communication is key to growing our guild. Training is available for Word Press.
- Send group emails as needed to keep the members updated with current information.

## Standing Committees (You do not attend board meetings)

- **Raffle Quilt Coordinator** – Janice Stebenne (Thank you, Janice)

- Schedule showings of the raffle quilt at local quilt stores and guilds once a month. Create a signup sheet for guild meetings to schedule volunteers.

- **Birthdays & Door Prizes** –

- Visit local quilt stores to collect door prizes that are gifted at each monthly meeting. Most quilt stores will already have a gift packet ready for you. Just present our business card.
- Create gift bags for monthly birthdays. These bags usually contain fat quarters or something of your choosing.

- **Retreats & Road trips**

- Coordinate retreats (day or away) for the guild members. We usually do one away and the rest day retreats at Best Little Retreat Center in Texas.
- Road trips can be anywhere that would interest quilters. This would be an additional activity usually on a Saturday that members can participate in.

- **Quilt Auction & Fabric Sale**

- Organize (with a committee) the auction which is usually held in the Fall. This is a major fund raiser for the guild.
- Coordinate the sale of guild member fabric donations to raise funds for the guild.

- **Christmas Party**

- Organize our annual Christmas Party in December. You can do this by yourself or with a committee. Anything goes!!!

Please consider volunteering for one of these committees. We really need you! Our guild is small so it means we ALL need to play a part. If not, then some much needed events will have to be canceled which affects our funding which then affects our programs. Presenters charge between \$250 - \$400. Find a friend that will do it with you. The board is here to support you and share any information needed for each position. Just contact a board member or email me at [bebrice54@gmail.com](mailto:bebrice54@gmail.com) or call/text 936-465-8229.

Thank you! Elaine

“Anyone who works on a quilt, who devotes her time, energy, creativity, and passion to that art, learns to value the work of her hands. And as any quilter will tell you, a quilter’s quilting friends are some of the dearest, most generous, and most supportive people she knows.” — Jennifer Chiaverini



In 1989, the Kentucky Heritage Quilt Society organized a “Quilters’ Day Out” on the third Saturday of March to celebrate the rich tradition of quilt making in Kentucky. In 1991, National Quilting Association officers were so enthused with the concept and success of “Quilters’ Day Out” that they voted to take it to a national level.

Today, quilters and quilt enthusiasts all over the nation celebrate this day by creating quilt masterpieces, researching quilt history, and learning how to continue this ancient tradition.

This year, continue this celebration yourself by learning more about quilt history. Pull out your grandmother’s old quilts, borrow library books on this art form, or recreate your own traditional quilt blocks with modern flair! Display your own quilts. Share your skills. Save quilt stories.



# AQG April Guild Meeting

Thursday, April 21st

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Blue House, Too

Watters Creek Shopping Center

## *"Jelly Rolls with a Twist!"*

Elaine R. will show you a technique for creating fabulous designs from your jelly rolls.



## Tid Bits

### **When it all meets in the middle and there's a bump....**

**Press the seams open.** One downfall with this technique is that the seams no longer nestle together as easily – think the typical 4 patch etc. Do not use this method if you plan to stitch in the ditch for quilting – the seam is not strong enough and you will simply quilting (and potentially breaking) seam threads.

For hexagons or octagons, some references recommend pressing the seams open.

**Give it a twirl.** For squares, sew as you normally do, letting the seams pressed to one side help you nestle the center together. Then, using a pin or a seam ripper, release the seam allowance at the intersection. Twirl. Use the same twirl/pressing direction for all of the blocks so they join together easier.

Another way is to carefully snip the fabric on each side of the intersection. Twirl.

Lorraine M.

## 2022 Raffle Quilt

The quilt is ready. The tickets are ready. Now we need you to help us sell the tickets!

Please sign up to help at the following:

"Not Your Mama's Quilt Store" on Saturday, March 19, 2022, 10-4

10-12 Diana and Lorraine

12-2 Ellen (we need one more person!)

2-4 Elaine and Brenda

McKinney Quilt Guild on April 19, 2022, 1:00pm at the First Christian Church in McKinney.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

We are trying to set up times once a month to go to other quilt guilds and quilt stores to display our quilt and sell tickets. We will need many volunteers in the coming months. Thank you!

Janice S.

214-549-4602



### Pictures from the February Meeting



Photographs by  
Brenda

**Allen Quilters' Guild  
Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a NEW member? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what year did you join AQG? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a returning member, would you like a new name badge? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a copy of the AQG Bylaws? \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month and day only): \_\_\_\_\_

Small group you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting time: \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not presently belong to a small group, are you interested in joining a daytime small group? Y N or a nighttime small group? Y N

Please circle your preferred method for receiving the Allen Quilters' Guild Newsletter:

- A) Printed copy mailed via the U. S. Postal Service
- B) Via e-mail
- C) You download directly from our website (www.allenquilters.org)

When complete, please mail this form with a check made out to AQG to:

Allen Quilters' Guild  
P. O. Box 526  
Allen, TX 75013-0010

OR you may give your form and payment directly to Dot F. or Maridale G.

Membership dues are \$25.00 for adults and \$15 for juniors (children 10 to 17 accompanied by an adult member) and paid annually in January.

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Google Group \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Small Group \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_